Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Jan 2023 at 13:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather over the next few days, low for the details.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023: Rain clearing to sunny spells and scattered showers, wintry over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	70%	40%	20%	20%	20%	30%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain over all but the far north clearing to showers later in the night. A bright day will follow with scattered showers, these heaviest and most frequent across western ranges, with the best of the sunshine towards Ben Wyvis. Snow level around 900-1000 m. Showers will become largely confined to Skye and Glen Shiel during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 60% during the day.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, bases 300-500 m, becoming patchy during the morning with bases lifting 600-800 m, but deteriorating rapidly in the showers with moderate or poor visibilities.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/24 E	12/15 E	20/24 W	20/25 W	19/24 SW	18/23 NW	17/22 NW	15/20 W	15/21 W
900	19/24 E	11/15 E	18/23 W	20/25 W	19/24 SW	17/23 NW	16/21 NW	14/19 W	14/20 W
600	15/21 E	8/11 N	12/17 W	12/17 W	12/17 SW	11/17 NW	10/15 NW	9/14 W	9/14 W
300	8/18 E	6/13 N	5/19 NW	5/19 W	4/18 NW	4/17 NW	3/16 NW	3/15 W	3/15 W
Glen	14/22 E	4/8 NE	6/14 N	4/11 W	5/11 W	4/10 W	5/12 NW	4/10 NW	3/8 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-5	0/-4	-0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	-2/-7
900	1/-4	1/-4	0/-6	0/-6	0/-5	0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-6
600	4/-1	2/-1	2/-2	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2	1/-2
300	3/-1	3/1	3/1	3/1	4/2	4/2	3/2	3/2	3/1
Glen	6/3	6/5	6/4	6/5	7/6	7/6	6/5	6/5	5/4
Freezing Level*	1500m	1200m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Wet underfoot conditions with swollen rivers from heavy overnight rain and thawing snow across the south.

Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 2023
Weather: Mainly dry with some clear spells overnight, then clouds thickening with outbreaks of rain spreading from the southwest soon after midday, this becoming heavy and persistent with snow continuing to thaw over the summits.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20 mph increasing 30 gust 50 mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% becoming 20% during the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud forming in the rain above 300-500 metres with poor visibilities

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to plus 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 900 m rising above the summits.

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